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INL streamlines community outreach donation request process

As operator of Idaho National Laboratory, Battelle Energy Alliance is committed to being an active community partner. Through the INL Community Outreach program, BEA provides corporate-funded donations in selected areas including human services, health, environment, arts and civic projects.

"INL's Community Outreach program will continue this effort, but is streamlining the process for requesting donations," said Lori Priest, INL contributions administrator. All requests for INL donations for calendar year 2007 need to be submitted on an INL community donation request form by May 4, 2007.

"Setting a deadline for receiving requests provides the review committee with the opportunity to view all of the requests at one time and make donations based on BEA's community support priorities," Priest explained.

Forms for submitting 2007 community outreach requests are available at http://www.inl.gov/community. Completed forms can be submitted to Priest by fax at (208) 526-2089 or by e-mail to lori.priest@inl.gov.

Decisions for 2007 contributions to community organizations will be made by May 31. Letters will be sent to requesting organizations informing them of funding awards.

This new process does not include requests for education donations. For further information on educational funding requests, call Jeff Benson (208) 526-3841.

Priest noted that organizations or project requests that duplicate existing services and that receive support from other agencies are discouraged. The INL Community Outreach program does not fund political or religious organizations. Generally, Priest added, financial support isn't given to individuals, athletic events, contests, extracurricular school activities, fundraising events or emergency response funding.

Requests for community donations for calendar year 2008 need to be submitted by Oct.r 15, 2007. Forms for submitting 2008 requests are available at http://www.inl.gov/community. Decisions for 2008 contributions will be made by Nov. 15, 2007.

If you have questions regarding this new annual donation process, call Priest at (208) 526-9154.

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